

General Park Rules

Permit holder is required to be on site during the entire event and will be held responsible for conveying park rules to event guests. The permit holder agrees to abide by the following rules and regulations:

1. All efforts must be made to avoid negatively impacting the park or other park users in any way.
2. All events must take place within standard park operating hours and adhere to the City of Houston noise ordinance. MPC staff are authorized to lower sound if deemed too loud.
 - a. Memorial Park Hours: 6 am – 11 pm, 365 days a year
 - b. Picnic Loop Hours: M-F 9 am – 7 pm, S-Su 6:30 am – 8:30 pm
3. The sale and/or marketing of goods or services are not permitted. Film is permitted with a commercial photography or film permit.
4. Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aerial vehicle within the boundaries of Memorial Park is prohibited. All aerial photography is prohibited.
5. All items, equipment and trash must be promptly cleared at the end of the event. Renter assumes all responsibility in cleaning the event area and dispersing the crowd by the end of the event.
6. No attaching anything to the exterior or interior of any park property which will cause permanent changes or alterations.
 - a. No tape, nails or staples can be used on anything within the park, including trees.
7. Admission or gate fees may not be charged without permission from MPC.
8. Use of any restrooms will be non-exclusive.
9. Parking is not allowed in any way outside of authorized parking areas. Vehicles are not permitted on grass.
10. Memorial Park strictly adheres to the City of Houston Smoking Ordinance and is smoke-free.
11. Volleyball court rentals do not include a net. Renter must provide a net.
12. Grills are available for use on-site, and personal charcoal grills are allowed (unless a burn ban is in effect). Fires may only be built for the purpose of food preparation and must be contained in grill. Use of propane requires a permit from the fire marshal.
13. Renter may not distribute alcohol or food beyond their invited guests. No glass containers may be used.
14. For the comfort of other park users, generators are not allowed.
15. Use of the following is not allowed without proof of additional permitting or insurance and may require a deposit. A copy of required permits and insurance must be provided to MPC at least 14 days prior to the event.
 - a. Propane, amplified sound equipment, any structures, and distribution of food or alcohol will require a permit from the City of Houston.
 - b. Canopy/tent exceeding 800 square feet, portable stage, portable toilets, and any event exceeding 250 guests will require advance proof of insurance.
 - c. Onsite cooking or service from a commercial vendor will require advance proof of health certificate.
16. To ensure the health of the park ecology and the safety of other park users, the following activities are prohibited:
 - a. Water activities such as dunking booths or 'slip and slides', water balloons, petting zoos or non-domestic animals, moonwalks or other inflatables.
 - b. Candles, rice, confetti, flower petals, smoke/fog machines, silly string, birdseed, potpourri, glitter or any substance of that nature.
17. MPC reserves the right to require at its discretion or as required by law, additional security and/or off-duty Houston Police Officers at the Renter's expense.
18. No structures, including tents and canopies that exceed 10'x20' or of any size that advertise a commercial product of any kind, may be erected on park grounds without the permission of MPC.
19. No gambling of any kind is permitted.
20. Events that practice discrimination based on race, creed, color, sex, gender, national origin, age or condition of handicap are not permitted. MPC reserves the right to deny any event, activity or equipment in its sole and absolute discretion.